



COPY OF PAPERS  
ORIGINALLY FILED

2631

7217/65952

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Hisato HIRASAKA  
Serial No.: 09/992,606  
Filed: November 14, 2001  
For: SIGNAL-PROCESSING CIRCUIT, AND RECORDING AND PLAYBACK  
APPARATUS EMPLOYING THE SAME  
Group A.U.: 2631  
Date: February 28, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

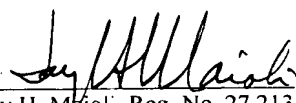
RECEIVED

MAR 18 2002

Technology Center 2600

- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.
- ☐ Total claims in excess of \_\_\_ previously paid for, at \$18 (\$9) \_\_\_
- ☐ Independent claims in excess of \_\_\_ previously paid for, at \$84 (\$42) \_\_\_
- ☐ Additional Fee for this Amendment \_\_\_
- ☐ This Response is being filed within the \_\_\_ first month, \_\_\_ second month, \_\_\_ third month, \_\_\_ fourth month, \_\_\_ fifth month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. Applicants Petition for an extension, and the fee of \_\_\_ \$110 (\$55), \_\_\_ \$400 (\$200), \_\_\_ \$920 (\$460), \_\_\_ \$1,440 (\$720), \_\_\_ \$1,960 (\$980) is due and paid herewith.
- ☐ The fee of \$ \_\_\_ set by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for the Information Disclosure Statement is due and paid herewith.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ 0.00 is attached.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

COOPER & DUNHAM, LLP

  
Jay H. Maioli, Reg. No. 27,213  
COOPER & DUNHAM, LLP  
1185 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, NY 10036  
Telephone (212) 278-0400

EA

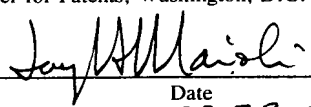
COPY OF PAPERS  
ORIGINALLY FILED



7217/65952

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hisato HIRASAKA  
Serial No.: 09/992,606  
Filed: November 14, 2001  
For: SIGNAL-PROCESSING CIRCUIT, AND RECORDING AND  
PLAYBACK APPARATUS EMPLOYING THE SAME  
Group A.U.: 2631

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail addressed to : Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231	
	
JAY H. MAIOLI Reg. No. 27,213	Date 02.28.02

RECEIVED  
MAR 18 2002  
Technology Center 2600

February 28, 2002  
1185 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, NY 10036  
(212) 278-0400

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified  
application, Applicant respectfully requests that the  
application be amended as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure by rewriting  
same to read as follows:

--A signal-processing circuit in which two-stage  
equalization is performed by using first and second  
equalization circuits provided on upstream and downstream